## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

## 5 METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MANAGING A REMOTE DATA PROCESSING SYSTEM

A method, apparatus, and computer instructions for providing host information. A request is received for host information for a remote computer from a requestor wherein the request includes one of a host name or an Internet Protocol address. The host information is received from a requestor. A media access control address and a subnet mask is identified using the request, and a response is returned to the requestor, wherein the response includes the media access control address and the subnet mask.